

Woodstock Community Garden

2023 Application

(27) 4'x12' Garden Plots and (10) 4'x8' plots are available this season

APPLICATION DEADLINE – May 26th, 2023. On-time applications will be speedily processed. Applications will be processed by date received. Applications will be processed as long as there are plots available.

- All plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list will be formed when all plots are assigned.
- Gardeners may indicate plots they prefer, but assignment cannot be guaranteed.
- A maximum of two garden beds may be issued per household. Remaining plots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis after June 30th, 2023.
- Email lists are maintained for garden announcements and are required for communications.

FEES

10 - 4'x8' plots available

1 - 4'x8' plot is \$15.00

2 – 4'x8' plots total cost is \$20.00

Additional beds beyond two \$5.00 ea.

All other plots are 4'x12'

1 – 4'x12' plot is \$20.00

2 – 4'x12' plots total cost is \$30.00

Additional beds beyond two \$10.00 ea.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GARDEN PLOT: Mail your completed application and payment to: Attn: Garden Plot Applications, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock, IL 60098 or drop off your completed application at City Hall in the Finance Department. Make checks payable to City of Woodstock.

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2023 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION

Your application will not be processed unless all of the information is provided and fees are paid. If a plot is not available, your application will be placed on a waiting list. All plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Waiting list applicants will be notified in the event a plot becomes available.

Primary Gardener (must be at least 18 years of age and is responsible for plot):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address (required) _____ Phone # (Required) _____

Secondary Gardeners (optional, will be included on general email list if address provided):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Plot Request(s): _____

☐ 1 @ 4'x8' plot (\$15.00 – based upon availability)

☐ 1 @ 4'x12' plot (\$20.00)

☐ 2 @ 4'x8' plots (\$20.00 – based upon availability)

☐ 2 @ 4'x12' plots (\$30.00)

☐ Additional 4' x 8' plots beyond two \$5 ea.

☐ Additional 4' x 12' plots beyond two \$10 ea.

Please make CHECKS payable to "City of Woodstock"

Total: _____

I have read and understand the application packet and agree to follow the "Gardening Rules." I will make sure that every gardener in my plot knows the rules and observes them.

Signature of Primary Gardener _____ Date: _____

**MAIL IN THIS PAGE. Mail and drop off address: City of Woodstock, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock, IL 60098
Attn: Finance Department**

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GARDENER AUTHORIZATION & RESPONSIBILITIES

The following guidelines outline the management of the community garden and its site property. These guidelines have been established by the City of Woodstock and are provided to the gardener as a basis for a use agreement between the two parties. In turn, the City of Woodstock provides gardeners with the authority and permission to use the garden site. We, as a community, have a responsibility to keep our community garden managed effectively. The community garden is a privilege, and everything works more smoothly when people are involved in its overall upkeep. Please also remember to treat your fellow gardeners as you would like to be treated.

With your signature below, you acknowledge as a participating gardener, responsibility for the following:

1. Participating in **actively and regularly weeding a one-foot (1ft) perimeter around all assigned plots**, caring for community plantings and areas, caring for gardening tools, etc.
2. Submitting dues for the 2023 gardening season for each plot. These plot fees cover a range of services including water, compost, and general garden maintenance.
3. If for any reason you find you cannot care for your garden, you are required to notify the Community Garden Committee and make arrangements with other gardeners to water and maintain your plot during your absence. If a garden appears neglected/abandoned (not watered and/or overrun with weeds), you will be given ten (10) days' notice to maintain your plot. After this time your plot will be re-assigned.
4. The City of Woodstock requires water restrictions and conservation measures be followed. A gardener MUST remain on the premises while his/her garden is being watered. The garden cannot allow excess water to drain onto the street or adjacent property.
5. The maintenance of common areas and furnishings, fencing, trees, trash receptacles, compost bins, street and alley right-of-way, and water lines are the shared responsibility of all gardeners.
6. Gardeners must have their plot planted by July 1st, or the plot will be forfeited and reassigned.
7. Each gardener is responsible for clearing and tilling his/her plots before the close of the season. All dead plants, weeds, trash, tools, sticks and cages are to be removed or stored by November 1 each year.
8. Parking is only allowed on the eastside of Castle Road; 25 feet North or 25 South or 3005 Castle Road. Please be courteous and neighborly to adjacent property owners and pedestrians.
9. Garden Committee shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or military status in its garden membership and the administration of its programs.

RETURN THIS PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION. Mail and drop off address: City of Woodstock, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

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2023 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT WAIVER OF LIABILITY

1. I desire to participate voluntarily in the gardening and other activities sponsored and coordinated by the CITY OF WOODSTOCK on the WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY GARDEN community garden site.
2. I understand, accept, and assume the risks associated with participation in any and all activities. I also assume the responsibility of conducting myself in a civil manner that is mutually beneficial to all participants. Unacceptable conduct generally includes, but is not limited to, vegetable theft, tool theft, profanity, and any offensive behavior.
3. I assume full responsibility for any injuries which may occur to me, as well as the safety of my family and guests, and do hereby fully and forever discharge and release the community garden site landowner and the CITY OF WOODSTOCK, its employees, board members, officers, agents, authorized volunteers, representatives, consultants, insurers and sureties, and their successors and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any "Claims." "Claims," as used in this document, mean any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my presence or the presence of my family members and guests at the garden, activities at the garden, the use or intended use of the garden, and/or participation in activities connected with the CITY OF WOODSTOCK including, without limitation, any of the foregoing resulting from or arising out of the negligence of a Released Party. Further, I hereby waive any and all Claims against a Released Party.
4. I expressly acknowledge that participation in the community garden is for my purposes and convenience and not for the purpose and convenience of any one or more of the Released Parties.
5. In the event that a dispute arises between gardeners or between a gardener(s) and the WOODSTOCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, and a resolution of the dispute cannot be reached by these parties, I agree to have the CITY OF WOODSTOCK act as the arbitrator of the dispute, and I further agree to adhere to the CITY OF WOODSTOCK decision as final.

Print Name

Signature

Date